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Mr. Lee Zurik

Anchor/Chief Investigative Reporter

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Dear Mr. Zurik,

Carlie Care Kids (CCK) has been in operation for almost 12 years. Launched in 2007, Carlie Care Kids began with 7 children. Now we are approved and licensed by the State of Louisiana to service up to 103 infants and toddlers from the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan Area.

CCK staffs a diverse group of certified teachers and paraprofessionals dedicated to motivating and transitioning infants and toddlers to the next level of socialization and learning. CCK partners with various organizations that have aided in its success including Kingsley House, Jefferson Parish Schools, and the Louisiana Department of Education Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development (NSECD) Program.

As Director, I have invested heavily in ongoing professional development for myself as well as my staff. I personally believe that in order to ensure successful outcomes for our students, it is imperative that we are always abreast of modern and effective teaching strategies.

Five years ago, we began implementing Teachstone's CLASS-", a research-based method of measuring, evaluating, and improving teacher-student interactions." Our implementation of high-quality teaching strategies and observation tools has earned the center a 4-Star Quality Star Rating and current CLASS score of 5.86.

Because of our success at implementing this strategy at CCK, I am now a certified Teachstone Classroom Observer. I provide aid and instruction for other Early Childhood Education Centers who also implement the CLASS tool. On April 16th, 2019, I was a featured speaker at Teachstone's annual conference in Nashville, TN where I was able to highlight and outline the ways in which the tool has been a service to our community.

For over ten years, Carlie Care Kids has been a leader in providing exceptional early childhood care and education throughout the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan Area. Our children transition to the next learning level with great anticipation and are meeting all measurements set forth by the Early Learning Program. Our success is a result of the hard work and dedication of skilled staff who work tirelessly to ensure that our students are beneficiaries of modern and effective educational instruction. It is our belief that the nurturing environment, time and resources CCK invests in early childhood education will play an integral part in establishing good habits that will hopefully foster and promulgate the long-term prosperity (educational and career-wise) of the children graduating from our program and the communities they represent.

As a result of our dedication, we are one of the most successful and highest-rated childhood centers in Louisiana. Quality, well rated, community-based early learning facilities such as CCK are in short supply; consequently, there is a high demand for our services throughout our community.

Presently, our center is licensed to accommodate 103 students but considering the 60 families currently on our waiting list, it became obvious to us that a need for expansion exists. Therefore in April 2018, we procured an additional facility in Jefferson Parish where we will be able to render our services to an additional 150 students beginning in the Fall of 2019. This new facility will also provide more space for in-house staff training, outdoor space for physical education activities and new enrichment programs for our students.

After extensive research, we have decided to expand our services by offering a Kindergarten program in the Fall of 2019 as a way to ensure school readiness for our students. We believe that beginning the primary school process in a smaller, more intimate setting is a better way to transition children as opposed to thrusting them in larger, overcrowded settings.

We are excited about this new venture. You are welcomed at any time to visit our center and witness the services that we render to our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Monique Rouege